

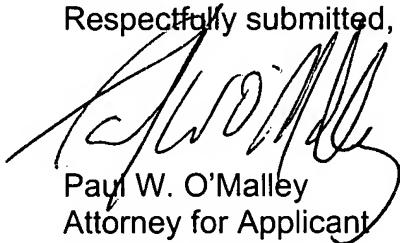
REMARKS

In a final Action mailed 19 May 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 102(b), indicated claims 3-12 were allowable if amended in independent form including all limitations of their base claim and the intervening rejected claim, and allowed claims 13 -18.

Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled and claim 3 amended to incorporate the limitations of the cancelled claims, respectively its base and the only intervening claim. The Examiner's suggestion having been adopted, the case should be allowable.

Applicant believes the Claims as amended are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable action by the Examiner.

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